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#### PROJECT NO. 52667

# FILING OF ATTESTATIONS DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH HB 4150

#### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

# WIND ENERGY TRANSMISSION TEXAS, LLC'S REPORT AND ATTESTATION REGARDING COMPIANCE WITH HOUSE BILL 4150

#### I. Introduction

Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC ("WETT") hereby files this Report and Attestation Regarding Compliance with House Bill 4150 ("HB 4150"). The October 4, 2021 memorandum filed in this project by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Division of Compliance and Enforcement, required the filing of this report and attestation by January 14, 2022.

The Division of Compliance and Enforcement's memorandum required each electric utility, municipally owned utility, or electric cooperative meeting the requirements of Section 6 of HB 4150 to file in this project a report with the following information:

- A declaration that each distribution line above 1 kilovolt or transmission line above 60 kilovolts owned by the utility that crosses a lake listed in PURA2 § 38.004(b) meets the applicable vertical clearance requirements established in Rule 232 of the NESC Standard ANSI (c)(2).
- The date on which the company verified each line's compliance with the applicable NESC Standard.
- For each utility that self-identified a line that did not meet vertical clearance requirements in an annual report filed in either Project No. 50596 or Project No. 51890, a declaration that each line identified in the annual report meets the NESC Standard.
- If a line over a lake listed in PURA § 38.004(b) does not meet the NESC Standard:
  - o The name of the line;
  - o The name of the lake and the county or counties in which the lake is located;
  - o A narrative description of actions the utility will take to bring the line into compliance with the NESC Standard; and
  - o The date by when the line will be brought into compliance.

WETT is a transmission-only utility that provides transmission service within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT") region. HB 4150 does not apply to WETT, for the reason stated below. However, as an electric utility, WETT provides the requested information below in Section II in an abundance of caution.

The Division of Compliance and Enforcement's memorandum further required each affected utility to submit with the report an affidavit signed by an officer of the company who has direct responsibility for distribution or transmission service or construction attesting to the veracity of the information provided in the report. Accordingly, included with this report is the Affidavit of L. Wayne Morton, Chief Executive Officer for WETT.

## II. Report

a. A declaration that each distribution line above 1 kilovolt or transmission line above 60 kilovolts owned by the utility that crosses a lake listed in PURA § 38.004(b) meets the applicable vertical clearance requirements established in Rule 232 of the NESC Standard ANSI (c)(2).

WETT does not own any transmission lines that cross a lake listed in PURA § 38.004(b). WETT does not own any distribution lines. Thus, HB 4150, Section 6, does not apply to WETT.

b. The date on which the company verified each line's compliance with the applicable NESC Standard.

Not applicable. Please refer to WETT's response to subsection II.a.

c. For each utility that self-identified a line that did not meet vertical clearance requirements in an annual report filed in either Project No. 50596 or Project No. 51890, a declaration that each line identified in the annual report meets the NESC Standard.

Not applicable. As WETT stated in its 2019 annual report filed in Project No. 50596 and its 2020 annual report filed in Project No. 51890, WETT did not self-identify any lines that did not meet vertical clearance requirements of the NESC for those reporting periods.

- d. If a line over a lake listed in PURA § 38.004(b) does not meet the NESC Standard:
  - The name of the line;
  - The name of the lake and the county or counties in which the lake is located;
  - A narrative description of actions the utility will take to bring the line into compliance with the NESC Standard; and
  - The date by when the line will be brought into compliance.

Not applicable. Please refer to WETT's response to subsection II.a.

#### II. Attestation

Please see the attached Affidavit of L. Wayne Morton.

### AFFIDAVIT OF L. WAYNE MORTON

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared L. Wayne Morton, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed below who, upon oath deposed and stated as follows:

- 1. My name is L. Wayne Morton. My business address is 1901 Capital Parkway, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78746 I am over eighteen (18) years of age and have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- 2. I am currently Chief Executive Officer for Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC. ("WETT").
- 3. As Chief Executive Officer, I can attest to the veracity of the information provided in WETT's Report and Attestation Regarding Compliance with House Bill 4150 ("Report"), attached hereto and filed at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Project No. 52667.
- 4. I swear or affirm that I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this Report or am relying on people with personal knowledge, that I am competent to testify to them, and that I have the authority to submit this Report on behalf of WETT. I further swear or affirm that all statements made in this Report are true, correct, and complete.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

L. Wayne Morton

Chief Executive Office for Wind Energy

Transmission Texas, LLC

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, this 10th day of January 2022.

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Notary Public, State of Texas
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My Commission expires: \_\_02-21-2022\_\_\_\_